Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was one.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Only one?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think so.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—May I know were not Messrs. V. N. Shenoi and K. Sivaramakrishna Ayyar appointed to these posts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mr. V. N. Shenoi has been appointed. I do not think Mr. Sivaramakrishna Ayyar has got a permanent place yet.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—They were promoted from the 60 to 80 grade?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is all the same. The next vacancy would go to Mr. Sivaramakrishna Ayyar.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Are there not seniors to these two in the 60 to 80 grade in the persons of Messrs. K. Govinda Menon, C. S. Kailasa Ayyar, M. C. Thambuswami Pillai and A. S. Venkitachala Ayyar?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The last two are in the records, and the first two are in the Stamp Office. Those in the Stamp Office have absolutely lost touch with all clerical work. Mr. Kailasa Ayyar is a store-clerk and he has been dealing with only paper, pencils, etc. He hardly knows any responsible clerical work. He has lost touch with it. Mr. Thambuswami Pillai is in the Central Records. He has absolutely lost touch with clerical work. The same remark applies to Mr. Venkitachala Ayyar and to Mr. K. Govinda Menon.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—For those who deal with pencils and paper there is no chance of future promotion for a long time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It cannot be said that there is no chance of promotion. But so far as the present men in the Huzur Office are concerned, these people cannot be preferred to those that have been appointed; because the work will really suffer if any of these is taken to the Huzur at present.

Anappara Buildings.

428. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) what is the report of the Committee appointed by the Government to consider the transfer of the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, to Anappara;

(b) (1) has the Government considered whether the buildings at Anappara could be utilised as a hospital for the in-patients of the Civil Hospital, Trichur;

(2) what arrangements are necessary to convert these buildings for the said purpose?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The final report has not been received by the Government.

(b) No. The buildings are unsuitable for the accommodation of in-patients.

(2) No answer required in view of answer to (1).

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know whether the Government has received an interim report from the Committee ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what are the recommendations in general ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The interim report is confidential and therefore I do not know whether I am at liberty to place it before this House at this stage. So the Hon'ble Member, I hope, will have an idea of its seriousness and wait till the final report is received, which will be in the course of a week.

Trade Depression.

429. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they are aware of the present trade depression in the State and if so, whether they have enquired into its causes and tried to find out some kind of solution of the situation ;

(b) whether they are aware (1) that minor industries in the State have been affected seriously, by the fall in price of local articles; and

(2) whether they have any idea of extending help to them in this crisis, by advancing small industrial loans ;

(c) whether they are aware that local joint-stock banks are unable to finance even the current needs of industries ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) Yes. Vide Diwan's Proceedings C. No. 1772/1106 dated 24th January 1931 published at pages 377 and 78 of Part I of the Gazette dated 24th January 1931.

(b) (1) A few of the minor industries, such as coir-making have been affected to some extent due to want of outside demand.

(2) The question is engaging the attention of Government.

(c) No.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—(2) May I know whether anything has been decided by the Government ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—No orders have been passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Is there any chance of an order very soon ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—There may be.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—What time ?

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